KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 1997, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Members were present:

Steve Abrams Wanda Morrison

Mary Douglass Brown I.B. "Sonny" Rundell

Kevin Gilmore Mandy Specht

Linda Holloway Bill Wagnon

Mildred McMillon

It was announced by the Chairman that Mr. Hill would be arriving late because of the inclement weather.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Gilmore indicated he would like to pull from the Consent Agenda item 13 x., concerning the summer food service plan and asked for any other changes in the proposed agenda. Mrs. McMillon asked that item 13 m., concerning a contract with *LRP Publications*, be pulled; Mrs. Holloway asked that item 13 o., concerning a leadership institute for superintendents be pulled; and Mrs. Brown asked that items 13 g. and 13 n., concerning a contract for a QPA research project and a visiting scholar certificate, respectively, be pulled. There being no further changes, Mr. Rundell moved approval of the agenda as amended. Dr. Abrams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Dr. Abrams moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Mrs. McMillon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

REDESIGN OF LICENSURE OF KANSAS EDUCATORS PROJECT

Mr. Ken Bungert, Director, Team Leader for Certification and Teacher Education and Dr. Karen Gallagher, Chair of the Professional Standards Advisory Board, were present to assist in a Board discussion session. Mr. Bungert reviewed a matrix of the redesign framework which addressed the three components the Professional Standards Advisory Board has been

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addressing in its work: regulations, standards, and assessments; and the remaining areas of concern regarding those components which have been expressed by the State Board or the Professional Standards Advisory Board. It was noted that Board concerns regarding the Visiting Scholar licensure had been clarified with recent modifications made in the application and position statement. The Board addressed vocational certification and the lack of a proposal for the post-secondary level. It was noted that Kansas Department of Education staff are developing professional development assurance standards for post-secondary instructors, but the Professional Standards Board has no authority to require certification at the post-secondary level. Vocational endorsements areas that do require certification are home economics, technical, business and agricultural education.

The Board discussed the assessment component of the framework; which assessment instruments were available for use for the content, pedagogical and performance assessments; and the cost for development and validation of the assessments.

Note: Mr. Hill arrived at 10:30 a.m.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Gilmore opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 11:05 a.m. Steve Christenberry, Topeka, Kansas, SMART, Inc., addressed the Board. Chairman Gilmore closed the forum at 11:10.

After a short break, the Board returned to its discussion of educator licensure redesign.

REDESIGN OF LICENSURE OF KANSAS EDUCATORS PROJECT (cont.)

The Board discussed how to begin making decisions regarding the development of regulations. It was suggested that a panel of individuals be invited for a discussion at the next Board meeting about issues of concern regarding proposed regulations.

Chairman Gilmore called a lunch recess at 11:35 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES

Board member Mildred McMillon give a brief report on a recent meeting of the Education Commission of the States in Phoenix, Arizona, and introduced KSDE staff member Ethel Edwards who discussed the New American Schools and the Obey-Porter Comprehensive Reform Initiative (H.R. 2264) recently passed by Congress. The new school reform program will make \$145 million available to states, \$120 million for Title I schools and \$25 million for non-Title I public schools. In Kansas, there are 700 Title I schools, 151 of which have already initiated some kind of schoolwide

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comprehensive reform to address all academic areas. Funding will be made for improvement efforts which employ innovative strategies that are based on research and effective practices and have been tested in schools with diverse characteristics. The seven models which make up the New American Schools were cited as examples of the type of reform designs that schools will be encouraged to adopt. Board discussion followed.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE GRANT PROGRAM EVALUATION

In response to a Board request made at the November, 1997, Board meeting, Kenneth A. Gentry, Team Leader, Consolidated and Supplemental Programs, presented proposed changes to the evaluation element of the Educational Excellence Grant Program. If approved by the Board the changes would be fully implemented with the 1998-99 grants and partially implemented with 1997 grants. The proposed changes included:

Changes in the grant application to include a definition of what kind of impact data will be collected. Changes in the end-of-the-year report to include impact data on student performance and student/staff results, specifying how the grants have impacted student grades, local and state assessment scores or

other measurable results as included in the grant application.

Establishment of baseline data at the beginning of the grant period by grant recipients to be compared with similar data collected at the end of the grant period.

Verification by grant recipients of aspects of their grant program which were or were not effective, including any changes or adjustment made to the program during the grant period.

For the two year evaluation process of a planning grant, data is to be collected at the end of the first year on accomplishments for the period and a plan for implementation. After an implementation period of one school year, impact data to be collected as part of the evaluation.

Grant applications seeking a second year of funding are to include validation why the grant should be continued including impact data unless the initial year was for planning.

Board discussion followed. It was suggested by Dr. Abrams that information identifying key elements contributing to the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of aspects of a recipient's grant program should also be included in the verification component of the evaluation submitted by the recipient. The Department of Education was instructed to proceed with the proposed changes, incorporating Dr. Abrams' suggestion into the verification component.

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Due to the inclement weather, the Board moved ahead on its agenda to recognition of vocational student award winners, returning to the report from the Graduation Standards Task Force and remaining agenda items for the day following a brief reception for the students.

RECOGNITIONS

Vocational Student Award Winners

Ms. Merlyne Hines-Starr asked sponsors and parents of Kansas vocational students who were gold medal winners in national skills contests to stand and be recognized by the Board. Chairman Gilmore

presented each student with a certificate commending them for their outstanding achievement.

FFA

Les Olsen, FFA State Staff Consultant, introduced FFA gold medal winners Paul Erichsen for Ag Mechanical/Technical Systems, Entrepreneur, Clayton Schoendaller for Agriculture Sales and/or Service, and Travis Barrett for Regional Star Farmer, all from Chapman High School; Ty Theurer for Sheep Production, Wellington High School; Bradley Davis and Corbin Hostetler, FFA Degree recipients, Chaparral High School; Jill Shehi, Brandy Atkins and Justin Ochs for Horse Career Development Event (CDE), Seaman High School; Josh Sare, Jake Holt and Lauren Womochil for Nursery and Landscape CDE, Abilene High School; and Aaron Cubit, Marilyn Peine, John Mader and Amy Kueser, for Parlimentary Procedure CDE, Anderson County Jr./Sr. High.

Kurt Phillips, Justin Lefert and Allison Marsteller, Chapman High School; Wade Reh and Katie Stucky, Inman High School; Justin Newland and Jason Ramey, Neodesha High School; Brandy Rush, Clay Center High School; Corey Dlabal, Wilson High School; Jay Stinson, Southwestern Heights High School; Brice Reynolds and Trevor Lieb, Pike Valley High School; Darrin Olson, Altoona Midway High School; Douglas Schrader, Atchison County High School; Sheldon Eisele, Fredonia High School; Ginger Brown, Girard High School; Jake Worcester, Hill City High School; Daniel Goodman Jr., Holton High School; Kent Grimm, Sabetha High School; Andy Armbruster, South Barber High School; Jami Stump, Valley Heights High School; Jim Kopriva, Atwood High School; Julie Bland, Joe Boeken and Jere Mills, Marmaton Valley High School; Dallas Wood, Seaman High School; Chrissy Van Winkle and Kevin Schaplowsky, Coffeyville High School; Jerry York and Amy Henson, Columbus High School; Steven Friess, Grant Allison, Delvin Higginson and Tyler McKinzie, Labette County Community High School; and Dana Pracht and Kelly Riley, Anderson County Jr./Sr. High school, all FFA award recipients, were unable to attend because of the weather In addition, Brad Montgomery, National FFA Vice President-Central Region, was also unable to be present.

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Home Economics Related Occupations - HERO

Justin Rupert, HERO gold star winner in the Occupational Skills for Life event was introduced by Irene Storrer, HERO State Staff Consultant. Gold Star winners unable to be present because of the weather were Anita Brown and James Radina, Pomona High School; Jennifer Hallier, Emily Peterson and Colleen Wienck, Blue Valley High School; Alicia Cutting, Jessica Johnson and Amy Pitzer, Hutchinson

High School; and Julene Sylvester, Wamego High School.

After all introductions were made, the Board recessed for a short reception with the students and their sponsors. The Board meeting reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

GRADUATION STANDARDS TASK FORCE INTERIM REPORT

Assistant Commissioner Sharon Freden introduced Dr. Gary Price, Superintendent of Hutchinson Schools and Facilitator of the Graduation Standards Task Force. Dr. Price presented an update on Task Force activity. He reviewed the meetings held across the state at which the Task Force's tentative recommendations had been presented and the responses received to a questionnaire which outlined the recommendations and had solicited comments and suggestions. Dr. Price noted that the adoption of graduation standards had a high potential for accountability for schools and incentives for students. Dr. Price concluded by indicating the Graduation Standards Task Force would work out the details of its recommendations at their December meeting and would make its recommendations to the Board at the Board's January meeting. Board discussion and questions followed.

APPOINTMENT TO THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mr. Mike Remus, Team Leader, Student Support Services, presented to the Board the need to fill an unexpired term to run from December 1997 through June 1998 on the State Advisory Council for Special Education. Dr. Wagnon nominated, with a second by Mrs. McMillon, Jennifer Pazzie, Augusta, Kansas. Mrs. Specht, with a second by Mr. Hill, nominated Georgia Masterson, Iola, Kansas. There being no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed and asked for a vote by ballot. It was moved by Dr. Wagnon and seconded by Mrs. Brown that Jennifer Pazzie, having received a majority of the votes, be appointed to the unexpired term on the State Advisory Council for Special Education. The motion carried.

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TERMINATION OF A SPONSORING DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE AND FORMATION OF AN INTERLOCAL SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

It was moved by Mr. Rundell and seconded by Mrs. McMillon that the State Board of Education approve the termination of the Ki-Com Sponsoring District Special Education Cooperative and formation of an interlocal special education cooperative by the same school districts, USD 300, USD

422, USD 424, and USD 474. The motion carried.

UPDATE - SCHOOL DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN CERTIFICATION AND E-RATE DISCOUNTS

Mr. Sal Tayani, Team Leader, Computer Information and Communication Services, and Deputy Director Dale Dennis reviewed with the Board the status of the Universal Service Funding for Education provision of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Mr. Tayani reported that Kansas schools with Kansas Department of Education certified five-year technology plans will be eligible, on average, to receive discounts of approximately 50% for telecommunication services. Telecommunication vendors will be reimbursed through provisions of the Act for the balance of the cost of service to the districts. Services available for funding will be both the installation and maintenance of internet access, including inside wiring, routers, hubs, network file servers, wireless LANS and file server software; basic telephone services; wireless communications; and video conferencing. Mr. Tayani reviewed activities undertaken by the Computer Information and Communication Services Team to ready districts for the electronic application filing process and the status of district technology plans. Funding will be available as of January 1, 1998 with a filing window of seventy-five days. Board discussion followed with Mr. Tayani and Mr. Dennis answering questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Gilmore asked if Board members had received the additional information they had sought regarding items pulled from the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the day. After discussion, Mr. Rundell moved approval of the consent agenda; seconded by Mrs. Specht. The motion carried.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

Received the monthly personnel report.

Approved school construction plans for Topeka USD 501, Mill Creek Valley USD 329, Marion USD 408, Kinsley-Offerle USD 347, South Brown County USD 430, Haysville USD 261.

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Approved Charter School Petitions for the 1998-99 school year for USD 230 Springhill, USD 308 Hutchinson, USD 312 Haven and USD 499 Galena.

Approved renewal of the Technology Excellence in Education Network Interlocal Agreement (Herington).

Received a draft of the 1998 year-long Board agenda.

Approved a total \$77,086 in funding for 1997-98 Educate America Act Teacher Classroom Action Research subgrants for: Pam Turner, USD 204; Ethel Reimer, USD 226; Elaine Corder and Paul Farmer, USD 230; Lisa Ouderkirk, USD 240; Cynthia Paul and Stephanie Andrews, USD 253; Gail Fergusen, USD 254; Dorothy Noyce, USD 257; Sistie Bender, Melissa Simonton, Brenda Kuhns, Judith Wencel and Rebecca Ann George, USD 259; Jeanne Fischer, Carolyn Orndorff, Tammy Willard and Lynne Ann Borchers, USD 266; Janice Criswell, USD 292; Lisa Archer, USD 326; Peg Loveland, USD 333; Kay McManigal, USD 335; Scott Michels, USD 344; Connie Potts, USD 354; Marilyn Brothers, USD 375; Melisa Hancock, USD 383; Kacy Bookout, USD 385; Vee Wells, USD 404; Diane Schnoebelen, USD 428; Elizabeth Harris, USD 432; Judy Morgan, USD 445; Donna Rothgeb, USD 446; Judy Green, USD 453; Bridget Combes, USD 456; Cheryl Jerrold, USD 460; Mary Alice Schroeger, USD 469; David Pollock, USD 489; and Sarah Greiner and Elizabeth Kroeker, USD 501.

Approved accredited status for: Kansas City Catholic Diocese - Our Lady of Guadalupe Elem, Sacred Heart Elem (Topeka); USD 512 Shawnee Mission - Shawnee Mission North High School, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School; USD 409 Atchison - Atchison Middle School; USD 480 Liberal - Garfield Elem, Lincoln Elem, MacArthur Elem, McDermott Elem, Southlawn Elem, Washington Elem, Liberal South Middle; USD 305 Salina - Schilling Elem, Stewart Elem; USD 259 Wichita - Buckner Performing Arts Elem, Chisholm Trail Elem, Colvin Elem, Pleasant Valley Elem, Heights High; USD 365 Garnett - Anderson County Jr. /Sr. High School; USD 205 Bluestem - Leon Elem, Haverhill Elem; USD 353 Wellington - Wellington Jr. High, Wellington High.

Approved a request from USD 234, Fort Scott, for an innovative waiver of state regulations to carry out a statewide special education initiative.

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Approved a special education waiver request from Southwest Kansas Area Cooperative District 613 to reimburse a school psychology para- professional who holds a baccalaureate degree in human resources management.

Approved Quality Performance Accreditation waiver requests from USD 220 Ashland Englewood, USD 219 Minneola High School, USD 316 Golden Plains and USD 283 Elk Valley to conduct athletic practice during the school day.

Approved a Quality Performance Accreditation waiver request from USD 501 Topeka to allow a teacher at Highland Park High School not certified in Strings to teach that subject.

Approved a Quality Performance Accreditation waiver request from USD 270 Plainville to allow a teacher certified in Agriculture, Vocational Special Needs and Agricultural Vocational to teach Wood Technology I, Wood Machining and Drafting.

Denied the request for Arthur Franklin Shafferman III to receive a Visiting Scholar certificate to teach keyboarding/word processing, applied communication, entrepreneurship and accounting for Lansing USD 469 for the 1997-98 school year.

Received updates from the Communications Arts and Curriculum Standards Committees.

Certificates of Approval under the Kansas Proprietary School Act were issued to: J.C. Nichols Real Estate Academy, Overland Park, KS; Eugene D. Brown Company, Overland Park, KS; Metropolitan Kansas City Board of Realtors, Kansas City, MO; Midwestern Real Estate Institute, Leavenworth, KS; American Institute of Baking, Manhattan, KS; American Travel Academy, Fort Worth, TX; Wyoming Technical Institute, Laramie, WY.

Approved 1998 licenses for the following Commercial Driver Training Schools: Behind the Wheel Defensive Driving School, Wichita, KS; Cyr's Driving School, Inc., Wichita, KS; Drive Right School of Wichita, Wichita, KS; Drive-Right School of Manhattan, Manhattan, KS; HyPlains Driving School, Inc., Garden City, KS; Kansas Driving School, Inc., Overland Park, KS; Little Apple Driving School, Inc., Manhattan, KS; Midstate Driving School, Salina, KS; Midstate Driving School,

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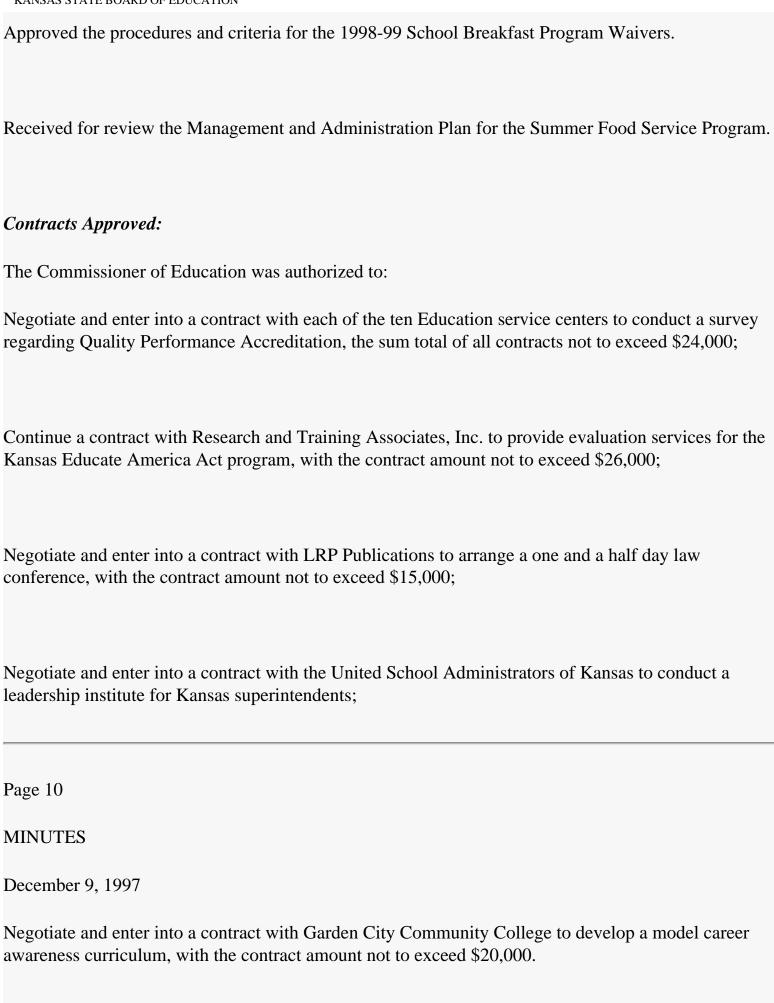
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Concordia, KS; Midstate Driving School-Lawrence, Lawrence, KS; Midstate Driving School-Topeka, Topeka, KS; Royal Driving School, Salina, KS; Swartz Driving Academy, Leavenworth, KS; Topeka Driving School, Topeka, KS; Twin City Driver Education, Overland Park, KS; Varsolona Driving School, Frontenac, Kansas; and Wichita Collegiate School, Wichita, KS.

Received the Kansas Vocational Education Performance Report for FY 1997.

Approved two new programs, Respiratory Therapist and Respiratory Technician, at Kansas City Kansas Community College.

Issued orders to USD 443, Dodge City, Ford County and USD 229, Blue Valley, Johnson County, granting them authority to hold elections on the question of the districts' general bond debt limitation.



The Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) was authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Envision to provide case management services to families of young children who are deaf-blind as part of KSSB's Outreach Services in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

At 4:30 p.m. Chairman Gilmore called a recess for the day.

Kevin Gilmore, Chairman Penny Plamann, Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 1997, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

Steve Abrams Mildred McMillon

Mary Douglass Brown I.B. "Sonny" Rundell

Kevin Gilmore Mandy Specht

Scott Hill Bill Wagnon

Linda Holloway

Mrs. Morrison was absent due to a family funeral.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Gilmore asked that action on an appointment to the Professional Standards Board be added under New Business. Mrs. McMillon, with a second by Mrs. Brown, moved that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

FY 1998 & FY 1999 Budget Appeal

Deputy Commissioner Dennis presented the 1998 legislative brochure. The Board had no objections or comments. Mr. Dennis then reported on the budget appeal meeting with Governor Graves attended by Board members Gilmore, Hill and Wagnon as well as Department of Education staff, on December 18, 1997. Mr. Dennis reported that discussion with the Governor included technology funding, match for the Parents as Teachers program, four-year old at-risk program, the cost for education for the increased number of students in juvenile detention facilities, and the K-3 pupil/teacher ratio. Discussion followed.

Proposed 1998 Kansas Education Legislation:

Dr. Wagnon and Mr. Hill presented legislative proposals for Board consideration.

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State Endowment Of The Family And Children Trust Fund

Dr. Wagnon reviewed with the Board a resoultion in support of a state endowment of the Family and Children Trust Fund. Dr. Wagnon stated the need to ready children to learn; that current programs are underfunded compared to the demand for them; and that now was the time to take advantage of an increased interest in the state in programs for early childhood programs and intervention and the large surplus in general funds the State was enjoying. Board discussion and questions concerned programs already funded and those to be added, how much the additional funding would cost, and guidelines and regulations for Parents as Teachers.

Charter Schools

Mr. Hill reviewed with the Board modifications in the state charter school law that he and Dr. Wagnon had prepared in response to Board concerns expressed during recent meetings. Proposed changes included:

Delete the provision that only allows 15 charter schools to operate in any one school year and only two per district.

Add a provision that any new charter schools approved after the original 15 must serve students in the bottom one-third of schools with the lowest performance on the state assessments in reading and math and which have shown little improvement over the past three years.

Amend the reason for authorizing petitions to include improving instruction and student performance

Retain the provision that requires local board approval of a petition before it is forwarded to the state board, but require local board approval if a petition meets the following parameters:

- a) the petition meets the provisions already specified in the law,
- b) the petition utilizes an innovative program(s) which requires use of waiver provisions, and
- c) the petition was initiated by either a majority of the board, the faculty at a low-performing school, or the parents of students who attend a low-performing school.

Amend the law to allow a school board to initiate the charter school petition.

Add a provision that would allow an appeal to the court or the State Board if a local board revokes a charter.

Add a provision that grants the State Board of Education the authority to approve charter school petitions based on a set of guidelines established by the State Board. Initial thoughts on possible guidelines included a review of charter petitions in response to such questions as a) does the

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petition reflect a clear understanding of the source of low student performance? b) does the petition identify specific solutions including a staff development plan? and c) does the petition have an appropriate evaluation plan?

Board discussion followed. Mr. Hill moved with a second by Mrs. Brown that the charter school proposal be adopted for inclusion in the Board's legislative package and the 1998 State Board Legislative Brochure. The motion carried on a 7-2 vote. If a local board revokes a charter the appeal process included in the proposal was clarified to allow appeal first to the State Board of Education with recourse to the court.

State General Fund

Deputy Commissioner Dennis noted that state general fund predictions still remained strong for FY 1998 and referred Board members to a Kansas Legislative Research Department memorandum of December 4, 1997.

Recommendations of Legislative Education Committees

Special Committee on Education

Deputy Commissioner Dennis reviewed for the Board major recommendations of the Special Committee on Education for the 1998 legislative session. He noted that the Committee's recommendations for special education were not significantly different from those proposed by the Board. The Committee recommended funding special education at 85% versus a recommendation of 90% by the Board; would reduce the threshold for participating in the catastrophic state aid program from \$25,000 to \$17,500; would request the federal government fund 40% of special education costs as provided in federal law; and would amend state law to comply with the new federal IDEA law. He noted further that the Committee's recommendations included amending the Kansas Constitution to remove the State Board of Education's self-executing powers and changing election to the State Board from a partisan to a non-partisan election. No statutory recommendations regarding truancy were included in the Committee's package and Board discussion followed regarding that issue. Dr. Wagnon asked that the issue of truancy be examined at a Board meeting in the near future.

Special Committee on Community College Governance

Mr. Dennis reviewed the Special Committee on Community College Governance's recommendations on community college state aid. The provisions included: 1) repeal of out-district tuition; 2) increase in out-district state aid from \$24 to \$36 per credit hour; 3) increase in credit hour state aid from \$30.50 to \$38 per credit hour; 4) an \$8 million increase in Page 4

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general state aid from \$2,642,771 to \$10,642,845; 5) increase of the vocational education weighting factor from 1.5 to 1 to 2 to 1 for the community colleges without an area vocational technical school designation; 6) repeal of academic out-district credit hour state aid limitation for students with over 64/72 credit hours; 7) provisions of operating grants for community colleges whose state aid increase results in a mill levy of more than 20 mills; 8) continuance of current state law that provides the budget and student tuition for a community college would be determined by its board of trustees; and 6)

provision of an exemption from the current tax lid and placement of a 20-mill limitation on the general, vocational and employee benefit funds. Projected state assistance to community colleges would rise from 26% of the overall community college budget currently, to 39%. The increase in funding would come from projected state general fund surpluses. Mr. Dennis was asked for further detail on state aid supporting the current budget versus the state aid support in the proposed budget.

Board Legislation

State Endowment Of The Family And Children Trust Fund

Dr. Wagnon moved that the Board adopt a resolution in support of a state endowment of the family and children trust fund and read the proposed resolution in its entirety. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes. Mrs. McMillon seconded the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 4-5. "Yes" votes were Dr. Wagnon, Mrs. McMillon, Mr. Rundell and Mrs. Specht. Voting "no" were Mrs. Brown, Mr. Gilmore, Dr. Abrams, Mrs. Holloway and Mr. Hill.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSES AND ADVANCED DRIVERS EDUCATION - K.A.R. 91-5-14

Department of Education General Counsel, Rod Bieker, reviewed for the Board options for action on the proposed changes in the motorcycle safety regulations dealing with motorcycle safety courses and advanced drivers education. The issue had been tabled at the November meeting in order for staff to develop a comparison of the proposed state requirements and the instructional content of the course offered by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). Following discussion, Mr. Hill moved that the Board adopt the proposed amended motorcycle safety regulation, K.A.R. 91-5-14, with the number of hours of required instruction reduced from 24 to 20 hours. Dr. Abrams seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.

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Chairman Gilmore called for a break at 10:35 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES

Hon. Sheila Frahm, Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, reviewed with the Board the mission, priorities and make-up of the Association. Mrs. Frahm also provided each Board member with a copy of the New Trustee's Orientation Notebook which she explained section by section for future reference She also responded to Board questions.

DEFINITION OF CLOSE PROXIMITY AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE SERVICE AREAS

Commissioner Tompkins presented the Board with background on the need for a definition of *close proximity* when working with Regents institutions and community colleges that operate within the service areas of one another. Commissioner Tompkins reported the issue will be on the agenda of the Joint Advisory Committee on Governance at its meeting December 17th. He reviewed with the Board a proposed agreement on academic extension prepared by KSDE staff and another proposal developed by Board of Regents staff. Board discussion followed and included questions regarding the need for inclusion of a 20-mile radius limit measured from the main campus for off-campus course offerings and the impact such a limit would have on existing programs.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Members reviewed the composite travel request. Dr. Wagnon asked that his request for per diem for meetings 12/3/97, 12/6/97 and 12/8/97 be deleted. Mrs. Holloway asked that her request for per diem for a meeting 11/22/97 also be deleted. Mr. Rundell asked that a presentation to Delta Kappa Gamma in Garden City, 1/10/98, be added. It was also noted that travel needed to be added for all Board members to attend the Governor's State of the State message 1/12/98 in Topeka. Mrs. McMillon moved, with a second by Mrs. Brown, that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Chairman

Chairman Gilmore reported that the Joint Advisory Committee on Governance would be meeting December 17, 1997 in Topeka and that Sen. Christine Downey and Representative Ralph Tanner had been appointed as the legislative members of the Committee.

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Board Attorney

Mr. Dan Biles presented a report of his activities for the month of November, 1997. He reported that he had spent time during the month preparing a summary of school finance litigation across the county for Representative Mike O'Neal, Chairman of the House Education Committee. He reported he had filed an answer last month with the United State District Court denying defects in the State Board's administration of special education law. That lawsuit had been filed against the State Board and the Commissioner and also involves the Larned, Salina and Topeka school districts. He indicated the suit was aimed at how the State Board of Education administers the special education law. He indicated he would be preparing a brief for filing in January on the Dodge City USD 443 v. State Board of Education case. Mr. Hill moved, with a second by Mrs. McMillon, that Mr. Biles' fees for services and expenses for November be paid as presented. The motion carried.

Policy Committee Chairman

Dr. Abrams reported on the progress the Policy Committee was making in its review of the Board policies. He stated the Committee had met December 8, 1997, and intended to finalize their work in January and have the information to the Board in February.

Legislative Coordinator

Mr. Hill stated that policies determining residency status and the difference between those of the Board of Regents and KSDE for community colleges were issues that should be studied by another special interim committee.

Commissioner

Commissioner Tompkins reported the North Central Regional Education Laboratory study on student achievement in Quality Performance Accreditation pilot schools was in the final stages of review and would be forwarded to Board members as soon as it was available. He also reported that March 9, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. was the most convenient date available for most Board members to hold a strategic planning session. Asked by the Commissioner if they wanted to continue with legislative conference calls at 4:00 p.m. on the last Friday of the month during the legislative session, Board members agreed. The Commissioner also indicated that he hoped to have the Kansas Teacher of the Year on the January, 1998, agenda. At the close of his report, Commissioner Tompkins presented Kristen Hayes, reporter with the *Topeka Capital Journal*, with a certificate of appreciation for her work covering the State Board of Education. Ms. Hayes will be leaving Topeka to work for the Associated Press in Pittsburgh,

ADJOURNMENT

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

There being no further business, Chairman Gilmore adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

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Kevin Gilmore, Chairman	Penny Plamann, Secretary	
RESOLUTION IN SU	PPORT OF A STATE ENDOWMENT OF THE	

FAMILY AND CHILDREN TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, programs such as Head Start, Even Start, Parents as Teachers, Healthy Start, and others which support the education of young children and their families have been shown to increase children's readiness for school success; and

WHEREAS, programs which support early childhood education and provide support to children and their families are eligible for funding through the Family and Children Trust Fund, which is subsidized through a portion of marriage license fees and, in the past, also benefited from appropriations from the state general fund; and

WHEREAS, programs which provide early childhood education and other support for children and their families are important to the continued welfare of Kansas and its citizens, yet only a small number of such programs now enjoy the benefit of assistance through the Family and Children Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the state general fund is reflecting an unanticipated significant year-end balance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Kansas State Board of Education urges the governor and legislature to appropriate from the state general fund an amount large enough to endow the Family and Children Trust Fund so the Trust Fund can increase its support to the education of young children and to other programs which benefit children and their families and can be assured of ongoing revenues to fund such programs, such support being in the best interest of the citizens of Kansas and, particularly, of those young people who cannot assert their

own needs to the state and its officers.